

**FEDERAL DISCRETIONARY CAPITAL ASSISTANCE
PROGRAM SECTION 5309**

- Statutory Reference: s.85.20 Administrative Rule: None
- Federally funded discretionary capital grant program. Funds are awarded through Congressional earmark process.
- Capital Assistance : 80% of the cost of project equipment (up to 90% of the cost of equipment or modifications required by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) or by the Federal Clean Air Act).
- Recent Funding Levels (statewide totals):
 - ◆ 2001 - \$ 18.5 million
 - ◆ 2000 - \$ 21.4 million
 - ◆ 1999 - \$ 17.2 million
 - ◆ 1998 - \$ 13.7 million
- Eligible Applicants: States, local public bodies, or federally recognized Indian tribal governing bodies. In Wisconsin, Section 5309 funds are Congressionally earmarked for the Wisconsin Department of Transportation. A portion of the available funds are allocated to Milwaukee County, and the balance is distributed to the remainder of the state's transit systems based on need. Some funding is used for special studies.
- Annual Application Cycle - Transit systems provide list of approved projects for which they have available local matching funds in January. WISDOT sponsors statewide earmark request to Congressional delegation in March/April.

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